

The True Northerner.

PAW PAW, MICHIGAN.

FAT FOR OLD SOLDIERS.

THE VAST SUM REQUIRED FOR PENSIONS.

A Mischievous Boy Causes a Fatal Wreck—Cruel Act of a Colorado Conductor—The Deadly Car Stove Explodes—An Old Relic of Barbarous Days.

Put Off a Train to Die.
At Crooked, Cal., Ed. Went, while sick and under temporary aberration of mind under the influence of morphine, boarded the train without his friends' knowledge. The conductor put him off in a raging snow storm. He wandered about unconscious, for two days, and was found lying in a snow bank. Both of his hands and one foot will have to be amputated. He is now lying at the point of death.

LAST SLAVE IMPORTER DEAD.
Captain Timothy Meagher and His Curious Colony of Blacks.

Captain Timothy Meagher, a veteran Mobile steamboatman, is dead, aged seventy-nine years. He imported the last cargo of slaves brought to the United States. In 1861 he brought over 100 negroes, and spirited them into a canoe, 160 miles up stream. The thirty negroes that fell to his share he settled in a suburb of Mobile, where they and their descendants have remained. They have never associated with other negroes, are but partially civilized, still use their native language, and are ruled by a queen of their own choosing.

VAST SUM FOR PENSIONS.
One Hundred and Thirty-four Million Required for Next Year's Disbursements.

The pension appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, appropriates \$134,825,000, being \$12,339,484 less than the estimates, and \$389,719 less than the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The number of pensioners on the rolls has increased from 242,735 in 1879 to 676,160 in 1891, and the amount disbursed on account of pensions has increased from \$25,493,742 in 1879 to \$124,415,951 in 1891.

FATAL WRECK.

A Mischievous Boy Responsible for a Disaster—Indiana Accommodation No. 4 on the Big Four Road ran into the rear end of a freight train on the Coal City siding. The engine escaped with a few bruises, but Fireman Lash was fatally injured. Charles Taylor, a mischievous boy, was arrested, charged with breaking the switch lock and causing the wreck. None of the passengers were hurt.

EVERY PASSENGER WAS INJURED.

Occupants of a Santa Fe Car Mangled by an Explosion.
An Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe train had just passed Kilmer, Kan., when the car heating apparatus in the smoking car exploded with fearful force. Conductor Lamos and fifteen passengers were buried in the debris in the front end of the car. Every person in the smoker was injured, but only two of them seriously.

MESSANGER M'INERNY INSANE.

A New Affliction for the Victim of Train Robber Perry.
McInerney, the express messenger, who was shot by Oliver Perry, the train robber, at Lyons, N. Y., is reported insane. His mother is also in a dangerous condition from the effects of the shock, and she has not been told of her son's condition, fearing she might die of heart disease, with which she suffers.

FIFTY THOUSAND AT A SWOOP.

The decisions just handed down by the United States Supreme Court, affirming the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff law and the Dingley law as to the classification of worsteds and woolen goods under the tariff, will have an important effect upon the laborers of the United States Board of General Appraisers. The decisions will dispose of over fifty thousand cases now pending before the board, on appeal by importers from the rulings of the Collectors under these two laws.

O'Donnell a Candidate.

Representative James O'Donnell, of Michigan, has declared himself a candidate for Governor. He says he will not go into the convention with a view of making an aggressive fight, but if nominated will make a vigorous campaign, and some of his friends in Washington, says a dispatch, confidently expect that he will be the standard-bearer of his party. Mr. O'Donnell has been a Congress four times and served as a member of the Appropriations and Foreign Affairs Committees.

WILL NOT RECOGNIZE NEGRO POSTS.

At New Orleans, the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R., met in annual session Thursday night. The question of obeying Commander-in-Chief Palmer's order to admit the colored members and recognize the colored posts, was considered and debated at length. The department decided by an almost unanimous vote to disregard Capt. Palmer's order and take the consequences, whatever they may be.

BURIED UNDER THE DEBRIS.

Five men have been missing from Lockport, N. Y., since the recent accident in the Niagara Falls hydraulic tunnel, and their bodies are supposed to be under the debris. One of them is Charles Duggs, a negro, and the others are said to be Italians and Hungarians. It will be several days before the debris where the bodies of the five workmen are supposed to be buried is reached.

FIVE PASSENGERS INJURED.

In Hutchinson, Kan., as a street car on Main street was crossing the Rock Island Railroad, it was struck by a passing train and almost demolished. The five passengers in the street car were more or less injured, but none of them seriously. Driver Garrison received injuries which will prove fatal. Blaine is attached to the driver of the street car.

DISAGREEMENT IN A LIBEL SUIT.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., the trial of ex-Chief of Police Allen's suit against the Times on a charge of libel resulted in a disagreement of the jury—ten standing for conviction and two for acquittal. The alleged offense was the criticism of Allen's official actions, and \$50,000 damages was asked, \$10,000 each on three counts.

CHANDLER AGAIN CAPTURED.

Ralph H. Chandler, the absconding Cashier of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, from Detroit, was captured again in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, after being turned loose by the Mexican police.

WANT A WESTERN MAN.

The New York Herald Figures Out Democratic Presidential Chances.

The New York Herald presents a table showing the Presidential preferences of the Democracy in the various States. The table shows that the mass of the Democracy is looking to the West for a man to lead them to victory. The figures are: Ill., 285; Cleveland, 255; Western man, 153. Mr. Cleveland seems to be the choice of fifteen States—California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Twelve of these are Republican, and only three are Democratic. Senator Hill is the choice of ten States—Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas. Seven are Democratic and three Republican. But the real choice of the Democracy is shown in sixteen States. They want a Western man and are: Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, and Wyoming. Eight are Democratic and eight Republican. Their 350 delegates stand solid for a Western man, and representing over one-third of the convention, against the other two-thirds hopelessly divided, will probably have a great effect in shaping the convention's action. Alabama, Louisiana, and Oregon are, it is said, likely to be divided between Hill and Cleveland.

MCKINLEY ACT VALID.

Its Constitutionality Is Upheld by the Federal Supreme Court.
The McKinley act was declared constitutional and Speaker Reed's rulings upheld by the United States Supreme Court. The court split on the tariff opinion, which was rendered by Justice Harlan. The cases on which the decisions were based were those of Marshall Field of Chicago, and of New York merchants, who protested against the payment of duties on certain woolen dress goods and other importations on the ground that the McKinley bill was not a legal and constitutional enactment by reason of the omission from the enrolled bill of the tobacco clause. The case was argued in conference and contained in the bill when it passed both houses. The court also holds that the reciprocity and sugar bounty sections of the bill are constitutional. It was contended that the reciprocity section was unconstitutional because it delegated legislative power to the executive. Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Lamar dissented from the opinion of the court. The Supreme Court also decided in the worsted schedule case of the United States vs. Ralston, Joseph & Co., from the Circuit Court of New York, that the law is valid. The decision upholds the power of the Speaker of the House to count a quorum under the rules of the last House.

SCUDDER ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Charged with Killing His Wife's Mother—His Friends Say He Is Insane.
After a life devoted to the acquisition of knowledge, coupled with the happiness, helpfulness and devotion of the wife of his youth and the presence of two bright children, Dr. Henry Martyn Scudder, son of the old and beloved ex-pastor of Plymouth Church, Chicago, is at the detention hospital in the city charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Parker Dunton, of 22 Aldine Square, E. H. Dunton, the venerable editor of the Spirit of the Turf and father-in-law of Dr. H. M. Scudder, the accused, swore out a warrant Tuesday evening charging his son-in-law with the murder of Mrs. Dunton. The complaint was filed with Justice Brayton, who visited the Dunton residence by request, the aged complainant being confined to his apartments. The complaint charges that Sunday, Feb. 21, Dr. Scudder murdered Mrs. Dunton in her apartments at the family residence in Aldine Square and that the crime was committed by beating the aged woman on the head with a blunt instrument.

PANIC IN A REFORMATORY.

Flames Cause a Stampede in an Institution for Females at Indianapolis.
The Indiana State Reformatory for Women and Girls, near Indianapolis, is a mass of ruins. When the fire was first discovered there were 150 women and girls who were at liberty in the halls. They were marshaled into line, but word came that the fire was under control. Soon after there was a second burst of flame from another portion of the laundry, and this spread to the roof and speedily enveloped both wings. A stampede followed, but the officers succeeded in releasing the penal prisoners from their cells and they were safely corralled in the grounds surrounding the institution. No such watchfulness attended the flight of the reformatory department, and many of them broke through restraints and fled toward the city, intending to spread the alarm. The fire spread to the city, and the police hastening to the scene, met and turned back many of them. The loss will reach \$150,000, on which there is \$52,000 insurance.

DECLINES TO PUT UP.

Cincinnati Likely to Get the National Prohibition Convention.

At a meeting of the local committee of the Prohibition party at St. Louis Monday night it was decided that the city would only contribute \$1,000 for the National Prohibition Convention. The National Committee asks \$5,000, but the sum is considered exorbitant, and the local sentiment is that if the National Committee is not satisfied with the offer of \$1,000 they are at liberty to hold the convention where they please. It is said that Cincinnati has guaranteed \$5,000.

SAW A FINE AURORA.

Inhabitants of Minnesota Treated to a Brilliant Display.
A St. Paul dispatch says: The northern heavens were robbed in green Monday evening after the stars were obscured. Wave after wave of quivering light swept up from the horizon like folds of fleecy lace until, to the very zenith, the sky was shut out by shifting shadows, and the earth seemed hemmed closely in. The display of aurora borealis continued from early evening until late.

Home for Aged Drummers.

The commercial travelers now see their way clear to build a home for indigent members. A handsome site on the Bennett estate, in the western part of Birmingham, N. Y., is being considered. It is proposed to erect a building similar to the Masonic Home at Utica. The organization is called the Commercial Travelers' Home Association of America.

Blaine Must Retract.

Mrs. James G. Blaine Jr. has furnished the Associated Press an open letter in reply to the "personal statement" made by James G. Blaine Sr., through the same channel, regarding the relations between Blaine Jr. and his wife, who was recently granted a divorce. She gives him ten days to retract.

FRENZEL IN CONTROL.

JUDGE TAYLOR RETURNS HIS STREET CARS.

Britain Fears a Coal Famine—Fifty Thousand at a Swoop—John L. Will Fight—Dun's Trade Review—Blaine or Clarkson—The Wheat Crop.

Weekly Trade Review.
R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Domestic trade gradually improves, even at the South, where much of the trouble seems to have been due to unwillingness of holders to sell cotton at the low prices rather than to actual loss on such sales. Supplies of money are everywhere ample. It is still the fact that the two dark spots are directly caused by overproduction. Cotton receipts this week have been light. Efforts to curtail the production this year appear to meet with some success. The only possible remedy for troubles in the iron trade is to be applied, according to dispatches, by the closing of some furnaces. Current prices are called about the lowest on record. The rail combination still waits for buyers. The trouble in this industry is that too great and sudden expansion was expected. Copper is unchanged, tin weaker, and lead moderately active. The coal market continues unchanged as the combination is not ready to act, but agents recommend an output of only 2,500,000 tons in March.

WHEAT CROP OUTLOOK.

Reports of Its Condition and Prospects for This Season's Harvest.
The National Tribune solicited reports from its subscribers all over the country of the condition of the wheat crop. The first series of replies is published this week. Illinois reports about 25 per cent. less than last year; Indiana, 20 per cent. less; Iowa and Kansas about the same; Kentucky about half a crop; Michigan and Missouri about the same; Nebraska 20 per cent. below last year; New York and New Jersey, prospect never better; Ohio reports vary widely, but an average crop is assured; Pennsylvania reports a slight falling off; Tennessee will not do so well as last year; Texas has the prospect of a good crop; Washington and Wisconsin both report good conditions; Virginia will make an average crop.

FEAR OF A COAL FAMINE.

British Manufacturers Will Shut Down Should the Miners Strike.
In view of the threatened coal strike and coal famine that must surely follow, most of the factories in Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, Tyneside and other important manufacturing districts in England are seriously considering the question of shutting down until the trouble is over. The operatives in these factories have been given the customary notice, and are greatly alarmed. It is computed that already a million and a half of people are directly or indirectly affected by the mining troubles, and it is believed that if the output of coal should be restricted for a fortnight as proposed there would be 1,000,000 idle mill operatives.

SPRINGER IS VERY SICK.

Physicians Admit that His Condition Is Most Serious.
Chairman William M. Springer is no better. His condition is regarded by his intimate friends as serious, and some of them even deem it dangerous. He suffers intensely, his nervous system is shattered, and his face, puffed with acute erysipelas, is unrecognizable. His physician declares that with care the leader of the House will be at his post in a fortnight at the latest. But physicians always say that. It assists the patient in recovering, and calms the apprehensions of the family. Physicians sometimes talk to their friends frankly, however, and according to a friend of Mr. Springer's physician, the Illinois statesman is in a bad way.

BLOW AT THE STANDARD TRUST.

The Ohio Company's Agreement with the Monopoly Is Annulled.
In the quo warranto suit instituted by Attorney General Watson, of Ohio, nearly two years ago, to test the legality of the charter of the monopoly known as the Standard Oil Company, the Ohio Supreme Court has handed its decision. It is against the company. The incorporation of the original company is not annulled, but the trust agreement between it and other oil concerns forming the trust is declared to be illegal. It is regarded as one of the most important decisions ever rendered by this court.

SULLIVAN WILL FIGHT.

The Slugger Ready to Meet Mitchell or Slavin in New Orleans.
Duncan B. Harrison, John L. Sullivan's manager, has sent a telegram from St. Paul saying: John L. Sullivan authorizes me to state that he will fight either Chas. Mitchell or Slavin at the Olympic Club at New Orleans for a purse of \$25,000 and an outside bet of \$10,000, or as much more as they can will bet, the fight to take place the last week of next August or the first week in next September.

May End the Trouble.

At Indianapolis, Ind., President Frenzel of the Citizens' Street Railway Company was acquitted Friday by Judge Taylor of the charge of contempt entered against him for not opening up the barns of the company to Receiver Steele. President Frenzel is now in charge, and the mule and electric cars are in motion just as they have been since the court appointed Steele receiver. As soon as Frenzel was purged of contempt he sent to the various barns of the company the following notice: "All car service men in the employ of the company on Feb. 20, 1902, who stopped work on Feb. 21, 1902, who desire to re-enter its service, subject to the rules and regulations of the company, will be regarded as re-employed from 9 o'clock a. m. of this date."

Blaine or Clarkson.

A Washington dispatch says: The anti-Harrison organization has decided upon Blaine for first choice and Clarkson for second. This is made upon the authority of one of the oldest members of the Senate, whose name was frequently mentioned as the possible choice of the last three or four National Republican conventions.

Awful Tragedy in Texas.

William Smith, his wife and two sons were found weltering in their blood near Sherman, Texas, and a negro named Sam Matsey was arrested after a hot pursuit by an excited mob. Matsey declares his innocence, but the blood is on his clothing.

Noah Porter Dead.

Dr. Noah Porter, ex-President of Yale College, died at New Haven, Conn. Dr. Porter had been feeble health ever since an attack of the grip and pneumonia early in January, and his death is the direct result of his illness at that time.

Assays Over \$600 a Ton.

Miners are looking to the Hamburg (A.T.) district, where it is reported that a big strike of gold has been made. The ore runs, it is said, from \$300 to \$500 per ton.

MAHER LOST THE FIGHT.

After Twelve Rounds, the Plucky Irishman Throws Up the Sponge.

Peter Maher, of Ireland, an aspirant for heavy-weight honors, and Robert Fitzsimmons, the New Zealander, who is the middle-weight champion of the world, met in New Orleans, before the Olympic Club, for a purse of \$10,000, of which the loser gets \$1,000. Fitzsimmons won the fight in the twelfth round. The Olympic says a dispatch, had an arena which seated nearly five thousand people. By the addition of galleries, the utilization of corners, and economy of space in every possible way, the capacity was increased to 6,000, and it was fully tested. It was a magnificent gathering. There were sporting men from England, Ireland, and from every corner of the United States. Chicago and New York between them had fully 500 delegates. New Orleans supplied its leading merchants and professional men, and that the sports were there goes without saying.

WHISKY MEN IN LIMBO.

Arrested for Violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

The Federal Grand Jury, at Boston, has indicted all of the officials and directors of the Cattle Feeding and Distilling Company, better known as the Whisky Trust, for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and United States Marshal Hitchcock's deputies are engaged in serving warrants for the arrest of the indicted men. Those included in the Government drag-net are as follows: Joseph B. Greenhut, of Peoria, President of the trust; Herbert L. Terrell, of New York, Vice President and Director; William N. Hobart, of Cincinnati, Treasurer and Director; Warren H. Corning, of Cleveland, Ohio, a Director; Julius E. French, of Cleveland, Ohio, a Director; Lewis H. Greene, of Cincinnati, a Director; Nelson Morris, of Chicago, a Director; George G. Gibson, of Chicago, ex-Secretary and a Director; Peter J. Hennessy, of Chicago, Secretary and Director.

To Cede Arid Lands.

The sub-committee of the Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands has decided to report favorably Mr. Latham's bill to cede arid lands of the government to the States and Territories in which they are located. The bill will cede in the neighborhood of 400,000 acres of land and does away with the proposition to have the government expend money for reclamation.

Must Stay at Joliet.

The Supreme Court of the United States extinguished the last hope of the two imprisoned anarchists by affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois and the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois in the cases of Samuel Fielden and Michael Schwab vs. the Warden of Joliet Penitentiary.

The Law Unconstitutional.

The Ohio State Supreme Court has decided that the Massie law, taxing railroads \$1 per mile of track operated in the State, is unconstitutional. The law was one of the attempts made in 1889 to increase the State revenues without advancing the tax rate on real and personal property. The matter has been in litigation three years.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Common to Prime.....	\$1.50 @ 5.25
HOGS—Shipping Grades.....	3.50 @ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	90 @ 1.10
CORN—No. 2.....	30 @ 1.10
RYE—No. 2.....	30 @ 1.10
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....	28 @ 2.20
CHEESE—Full Cream, flat.....	12 @ 1.30
EGGS—Fresh.....	15 @ 1.10
POTATOES—Carrots, per bu.....	30 @ .40
INDIANAPOLIS.	
CATTLE—Shipping.....	3.25 @ 4.75
HOGS—Choice Light.....	3.00 @ 5.00
SHEEP—Common to Prime.....	3.00 @ 5.25
CORN—No. 2 Red.....	30 @ 1.10
CORN—No. 1 White.....	41 @ .42
OATS—No. 2 White.....	32 @ 1.30
DETROIT.	
CATTLE.....	3.50 @ 4.50
HOGS.....	3.20 @ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	92 @ .93
CORN—No. 2.....	30 @ 1.10
RYE—No. 2.....	30 @ .81
CINCINNATI.	
CATTLE.....	3.50 @ 4.50
HOGS.....	3.00 @ 5.00
SHEEP—Common to Prime.....	3.00 @ 5.25
CORN—No. 2 Red.....	30 @ 1.10
CORN—No. 1 White.....	41 @ .42
OATS—No. 2 White.....	32 @ 1.30
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE.....	3.50 @ 4.50
HOGS.....	3.20 @ 5.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	92 @ .93
CORN—No. 2.....	30 @ 1.10
RYE—No. 2.....	30 @ .81
TOLEDO.	
WHEAT—New.....	95 @ .96
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....	30 @ 1.10
OATS—No. 2 White.....	31 @ 1.30
RYE.....	30 @ .81
MILWAUKEE.	
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	97 @ .98
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.....	30 @ 1.10
OATS—No. 2 White.....	31 @ .32
RYE—No. 1.....	35 @ .36
BEEF—Mess.....	3.00 @ 3.50
PORK—Mess.....	11.25 @ 11.75
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE.....	3.50 @ 5.00
HOGS.....	3.00 @ 5.00
SHEEP.....	4.00 @ 5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	1.17 @ 1.00
CORN—No. 2.....	3.00 @ 3.50
OATS—Mixed Western.....	30 @ .31
BUTTER—Creamery.....	21 @ .21
PORK—Mess.....	9.75 @ 10.50

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

MEASURES CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON.

At the Nation's Capital—What Is Being Done by the Senate and House—Old Matters Disposed Of and New Ones Considered.

The Senate and House.

In the House, on the 29th, on motion of Mr. Loud, of California, a bill was passed setting apart a tract of land for the use of the Lick Observatory, University of California. A resolution was also passed authorizing the joint Committee on Immigration to investigate the operation of the immigration laws, the importation of contract labor, and to inquire particularly into the immigration of persons affected with typhus fever into the port of New York. The House Committee on Rules agreed to report a resolution making the silver bill the order of business for three days, beginning March 22. No date was fixed for measures concerning the tariff.

Indian Secession Schools.

The subject of Indian secession schools was the subject of a three hours' acrimonious discussion in the House on the 1st. The Indian appropriation bill was the measure under consideration, and the immediate cause of the discussion was the section making appropriation for the Carlisle Indian school. The bill was passed. Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, reported the free wool bill, which was referred to the committee of the whole. Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, and Mr. Turner, of Georgia, respectively, from the same committee, reported bills for the free entry of binding twine and cotton bagging and ties, which were referred to the committee of the whole. Mr. Leavie was granted to Mr. Tamm, of New York, and Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, to present the views of the minority on the measure. In the Senate, after the transaction of routine business the Idaho election case was taken up and Mr. Sanders addressed the Senate in defense of Mr. Claggett's right to the seat. Mr. Morgan made a legal and constitutional argument against the right of Mr. Dubois to occupy a seat in the Senate.

In the Senate.

On the 2d Mr. Delph presented petitions from his State favoring government aid for the Nicaragua canal. The Idaho election case was taken up and Mr. George stated the reasons which would control his own action in casting his vote for the contestant, Mr. Vilas argued that the sitting member, Mr. Dubois, was legally elected and entitled to the seat. On the suggestion of Mr. Gray that some Senators were absent who desired to record their votes on the question, the vote was postponed. The proceedings of the House were quite uninteresting and confined strictly to the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. On only one occasion did party politics find a place in the discussion and that was when Mr. Hemphill, of the Democratic side, proposed an amendment reducing the \$11,000 or \$12,000 salary which the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia receives in the way of fees to a fixed salary of \$3,600 per annum. All fees are to be turned into the public Treasury after deduction for necessary clerk hire. The House adjourned with the bill still undisposed of.

In the Senate, on the 3d, the debate on the Idaho contested election case was closed, and the voting was begun. The contest was made in 1890 to increase the State revenues without advancing the tax rate on real and personal property. The matter has been in litigation three years. The Guayaquil, Ecuador, local Board of Trade has forwarded to Quito an energetic protest against the ratification by the National Congress of the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States, the paper being signed by nine-tenths of the importers and exporters of the republic. Senator Palmer's Springfield friends are enthusiastic over his speech, as it places him squarely before the country as a Presidential candidate, and hereafter they will fight for him with reference to the candidacy of Cleveland, so says a dispatch from Springfield.

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Serving Two Masters.

Uncle Billy recently developed a great deal of interest in religious matters, and it was observed with a good deal of surprise by several boat-owners that he was no longer ready and willing to take a hand at the work they offered him. One of the men who had depended a good deal upon his services said:

"I'm sorry that you won't work any more."

"Deed, sah, I is putfickly willin' to wuhk, but I can't wuhk in yoh boat."

"Why not?"

"Kase she's a two-master."

"Why, that's no reason at all."

"Massa, ef you wants to 'peril your own soul, 'tain' none ob my business, but de good book says plain as day dat no man kain't sarbe two masters."

A PHILADELPHIA paper, in describing a New York preacher, said: "He is like an auger; takes hold right away, cuts all the time, and quits when he is through." It might have added that such a preacher never bores his hearers.

WHEN the Psalmist said, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till the change come," he was evidently in a big retail store and knew the cash boy.

THE chief ingredients in the composition of those qualities that gain esteem and praise are good nature, truth, good sense, and good breeding.

NO BALL CLUB likes to see its score printed in round numbers.